

## **Santee Cooper Integrated Resource Plan 2023**

### **Public Stakeholder Meeting #1 – Meeting Summary**

Date: March 1, 2022

Time: 9:00 am – 3:30 pm EST

Location: Virtual Meeting via Zoom, Vanry Hosting

Topic: Santee Cooper 2023 Integrated Resource Planning

Referenced attachments (posted as separate documents at [SanteeCooper.com/IRP](https://SanteeCooper.com/IRP))

1. March 1, 2022, IRP Presentation
2. Question and Answer (Q&A) Log
3. Recording of Meeting

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### **Registration and attendees**

Stakeholders were able to register via a link on the [SanteeCooper.com/IRP](https://SanteeCooper.com/IRP) webpage. The link led to a form on the Zoom platform. Registrants received an immediate confirmation email with meeting information, as well as two reminder emails: one week and one day, before the session respectively.

Santee Cooper used a variety of means to announce the meeting, in advance, to customers and stakeholders including newspaper advertisements, bill inserts and social media.

Registration for the session opened on the first week of February 2022.

- 210 registrations received prior to the start of the meeting on March 1, 2022
- 127 individuals were online for all, or a portion, of the meeting
- About 75% of those who attended, identified an organization affiliation during registration
- A variety of stakeholder types were represented at the meeting
  - Electric Cooperatives / Utilities
  - Federal Government

- Water & Sanitation
- Energy companies & Groups, incl. renewables
- Chambers of Commerce
- Small, Medium and Large Businesses
- Economic Development
- Town / City Municipal Governments
- School Districts & Healthcare
- Conservation / Environmental groups
- Homeowners and Homeowner Associations
- Regulatory bodies
- Legal Representative
- Individual Customers

A list of meeting attendees is included in Appendix A. The list excludes attending Santee Cooper employees and IRP consultants.

### Agenda, presenters, and topics

The agenda and associated times were included in the presentation available to the stakeholders in advance of the meeting. The facilitators made adjustments throughout the day to ensure that the materials were discussed with the stakeholders during the proposed time slots to accommodate stakeholders with limited schedule availability and interests in specific topics.

#### AGENDA

9:00	Welcome	Stewart Ramsay, Vanry Associates
9:10	Opening Remarks	Charlie Duckworth, Deputy CEO & Chief Planning & Innovation Officer, Santee Cooper  Charlie underlined the importance of the IRP process, recognized Central Electric Power and municipal customers for their support, and invited stakeholder engagement as the best path to a strong IRP outcome.
9:20	Introductions	Stewart Ramsay, Vanry Associates
9:30	Company Overview	Rahul Dembla, Senior Director, Financial & Resource Planning, Santee Cooper  Rahul provided attendees with an overview of Santee Cooper, including key statistics related to customers, energy sales, and current production resources.
10:15	Overview of IRP Process	Eileen Wallace, Senior Manager, Resource Planning, Santee Cooper  Eileen provided an overview of the IRP purpose process and expected outcomes of the IRP process overall.
10:30	BREAK	

10:45	Previous Resource Planning Studies	Bob Davis. Executive Consultant, nFront Consulting Bob reviewed both the process and the outcomes of the 2019 Reform Plan and 2020 IRP and highlighted activities currently on-going at Santee Cooper
11:15	Current Resource Position	Greg McCormack, Senior Manager, Financial Forecast, Santee Cooper Jacob Thomas, Principal, GDS Associates Greg and Jacob provided information on Santee Cooper's approach, methodology for load forecasting. They reviewed the current projections from the most recent load forecast covering 2022-2041 and discussed the schedule and plan for the upcoming load forecast.
12:15	LUNCH BREAK	
1:30	Current Resource Position Cont'd	Patricia Housand, Manager, Program Development, Santee Cooper Jim Herndon, Vice President, Utility Services, Resource Innovations Patricia and Jim reviewed current and planned initiatives for programs to modify how customers use energy (Energy Efficiency "EE" and Demand Side Management/Demand Response "DSM/DR") and the study which underlies Santee Cooper's projections for energy savings and demand reductions through 2030. Eileen Wallace, Senior Manager, Resource Planning, Santee Cooper Eileen provided a review of Santee Cooper's existing generation resources and the role they play today in meeting customer load requirements. Particular attention was paid to the impacts in 2029 of the retirement of Winyah
2:30	BREAK	
2:45	2023 IRP Timeline & introduction to modeling approach	Bob Davis, Executive Consultant, nFront Consulting Bob reviewed the proposed methodology and tools to be used for modeling in the development of portfolios leading to a "preferred resource plan." Bob invited stakeholder ideas and opinions regarding alternative portfolios.
3:15	Next Steps & close	Stewart Ramsay, Vanry Associates

## Q&A Summary

Stakeholders were able to include questions and comments when registering for the March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. The questions, comments and stated positions received from stakeholders during the registration process were reviewed and helped to inform the preparation for the session. See Appendix B for questions, comments and stated positions received during the registration process (and are quoted verbatim for the sake of accuracy).

During the March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, stakeholders were able to ask questions in two ways:

1. Using the Zoom Q&A tool where they could type and send a question at any time during the session and presentations; and
2. Using the *Raised Hand* functionality where they would be invited to speak by the facilitator at the earliest opening

Santee Cooper and the facilitators left blocks of time (~30 minutes each) where Stakeholders were invited to ask questions live prior to breaking for lunch and again prior to the end of the meeting. During these blocks, there were several typed questions that were answered in writing by subject matter experts directly in the Q&A tool. Some questions were flagged and answered live in the session. A few stakeholders chose to ask questions or make comments live throughout the day, particularly in the blocks specifically set aside for open interactions.

Overall, there were 96 interactions (live asked/answered and written asked/answered), all of which were addressed during the session. Of these, 12 questions included follow-on questions often coming from more than one stakeholder, indicating that the stakeholders were monitoring and interacting with each other's questions. 10 questions were answered live by presenters.

A transcript of the Q&A log is included as an attachment and available with other March 1<sup>st</sup> documents on the [SanteeCooper.com/IRP](https://SanteeCooper.com/IRP) webpage.

## Action items

All commitments made by Santee Cooper, or the facilitators are noted in the Q&A log.

Next Steps:

- Finalize the date and agenda for Meeting #2
- Publish the date and open registration for Meeting #2
- Review stakeholder feedback and refine the meeting process as needed

## APPENDIX A

**List of Attendees**

Amy Wallace	General Electric
Andrew Stone	
Andrew Wheeler	NE Tackle
Andy Altman	
Angela Christian	Georgetown County Government
Anna Strickland	
AnnaJane Martin	
Anthony Sandonato	SCORS
April Evans	Coastal Cancer Center
Ben Garris	South Carolina Coastal Conservation League
Ben Pfeffer	J. Kennedy and Associates, Inc.
Ben Williams	
Bhawramaett Broehm	Wartsila
Bill Barnes	Encore Renewable Energy
Blan Holman	Pine Gate Renewables
Bob Paulling	Mid-Carolina Electric Coop.
Bonnie Loomis	E4 Carolinas
Caleb Bryant	Central Electric Power Cooperative
Charlie Allen	Black River Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Chris Carnevale	Southern Alliance for Clean Energy
Chris Kahler	Summerville CPW
Chris Wolfe	Central Electric Power Cooperative, Inc.
Christian Boudreau	
Christopher Rust	
Cody Sims	US Senate
Connor Parker	South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs
Daniel Johnson	
Daniel Shelley	Horry Electric Cooperative, Inc
Darla Barnette	
Darla Eisel	
Daryl Brown	Horry County Schools
David Felkel	Edisto Electric Cooperative, Inc.
David Ginn	Charleston Regional Development Alliance
David London	

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David Nasol	
David Rogers	Sierra Club
Dennis Boyd	Nucor
Derek Stenclik	
Devin Ritter	
Diana Godlevskaya	Southeastern Wind Coalition
Diane Humphries	
Donald Zimmerman	Alder Energy
Donnie Hilliard	Town of Santee
Doug Tompkins	Berkeley County Water and Sanitation
Eddy Moore	Coastal Conservation League
Elaine Morgan	Berkeley Chamber
Emily Felt	Duke Energy
Evan Racine-Johnson	RWE AG
Farris Vereen	
Findlay Salter	SC Office of Regulatory Staff
Frank Holleman	Southern Environmental Law Center
George Fryer	AmeriWind LLC
Gibby Little	Honeywell
Glenn Stephens	
Greg Martin	
Gregory Mitchell	
Gregory Kernan	Ridge Lake Homeowners Association
Hamilton Davis	Southern Current LLC
Jacki SeiWell	
James Burke	
James Wharton	
Jamey Goldin	Google
Jeff Pollock	J Pollock Inc.
Jerry Croce	
Joe Miller	
John Brooker	CVSC
John McLauchlin	Administrator
John Youker	
Karen Hallenbeck	The Tiencken Law Firm, LLC
Karl Winkler	Nucor Steel Berkeley
Kate Mixson	Southern Environmental Law Center

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Keisha Long	SC DHEC
Keith Thomson	
Kenneth Coleman	
Kristen Lanier	Berkeley County Economic Development
Mark Foley	
Marvin Neal	President, Georgetown SC NAACP Branch #5520
Matt Templeton	JW Aluminum
Michael Butryn	
Michael Early	Century Aluminum
Michael Wallace	BrightNight Power
Mike Frazier	PMPA
Mike Fuller	Berkeley Electric Cooperative
Mike Lavanga	Nucor
Mitch Jones	R.E. Mason
Pamela Runac	
Paul Porter	
Paula Holmes	
Philip Hayet	ORS
Reid Spolek	Google
Richard Chrissley	
Robert Branton	
Robert Jeffcoat	
Sandra Yudice, Ph.D.	City of Georgetown
Scott Whittier	City of Georgetown
Sean Joshi	MPW
Sherri Vincent	
Stacey Washington	SC ORS Energy Office
Stephen Pelcher	
Stephen Thome	Mitsubishi Power Americas
Steve Turner	CRM Innovations
Steven Castracane	Messer North America
Steven McCaslin	SC DHEC
Steven Spengler	JW Aluminum
Taylor Speer	Fox Rothschild
Thad Wingo	Burns & McDonnell
Tim Haynes	International Paper
Will Williams	Western South Carolina Economic Development Partnership
William Shanahan	Town of Surfside Beach

## APPENDIX B

**Questions received during registration**

*Quoted verbatim for the sake of accuracy.*

- Why hasn't solar energy been more pursued, esp. since we live in a dominant sunny state?
- Fix/var costs for new gen; rate & reliab impacts; cost recovery adjust of retired units; interrupt credit adj to support renew.
- Yes, regarding residential solar.
- Any plans to use bio fuel and or rare earth minerals, in the future
- Being on an HOA board for the tallest high-rise in Myrtle Beach I understand how rebates etc can encourage consumers to switch e
- When is Santee Cooper going to stop charging bogus "Distribution Rider" charges and start net metering for solar customers?
- Understanding methodology for more renewables / clean-energy resources?
- Will all attending have the opportunity to ask questions and have input? Is this a listening mode call or Zoom?
- Information gathering only.
- I prefer nuke power
- How are newer generation resources helping to mitigate the contingencies issues created by retiring existing generation?
- Are there any incentives for joining these virtual meetings like last time I participated?
- Need clarity of what you're proposing
- Pay more for solar from residential customers
- Status of Cross Generating plant decommissioning??
- Great concern for surrounding communities with the introduction of a gas plant. There are alternatives.
- What modeling tools do you plan to use for the 2023 IRP